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Global Entry Program Interviews to Return to Gaillard Center

Charleston, S.C—U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers will return to Charleston to conduct in-person enrollment interviews with CBP's Global Entry applicants in the first floor public meeting room at the Gaillard Center (2 George Street) Monday, March 26 through Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Global Entry is a CBP Trusted Traveler program that allows expedited clearance for preapproved, low-risk travelers upon arrival in the United States. Though intended for frequent international travelers, there is no minimum number of trips necessary to qualify for the program. Participants may enter the United States by using automated Global Entry kiosks located at select airports. Global Entry is currently available at 53 U.S. airports, as well as 15 Preclearance locations, and a membership is good for five years. For complete details on the program, please visit www.globalentry.gov.

The program is designed to enable efficient travel, and to provide added security for international travelers. While Global Entry's goal is to speed up travel, members are still subject to the same laws and regulations as other travelers, and may be selected for further examination at any time when entering the United States. Global Entry members are also eligible to participate in the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) PreCheck program which expedites screening through TSA checkpoints at participating airports.

Those interested in participating in the upcoming interview process must apply and be conditionally approved prior to the start of the conference. To submit an application, visit the Global Entry website and click "Apply Now," which links to the Trusted Travelers Program (TTP) site (https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/). Applicants must first create an account on the TTP site, then log in to submit a Global Entry application. Apply online as soon as possible, as in some cases it can take up to six weeks to become conditionally approved. A \$100 non-refundable application fee is paid online at the time of application. Once pre-approved, applicants will receive a message indicating that they are "conditionally approved" for Global Entry and are invited to schedule an interview. Interviews at the Gaillard Center can be scheduled online through the enrollment center labeled 'CHS' on the Global Entry website.

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